| **Voter Registration and Election Management System** | **FY2024 Request:** | **$7,000,000** |
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| | **Reference No:** | **AMD 64622** |

**AP/AL:** Appropriation

**Project Type:** Information Technology / Systems / Communication

**Category:** General Government
**Location:** Statewide
**Impact House District:** Statewide (HD 1-40)
**Estimated Project Dates:** 07/01/2023 - 06/30/2028

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**Brief Summary and Statement of Need:**
The Division of Elections requests this appropriation to acquire and implement a new centralized, integrated statewide voter registration and election management database and associated equipment.

| Funding: | FY2024 | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | FY2029 | Total |
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| 1004 Gen Fund | $7,000,000 | | | | | | $7,000,000 |
| Total: | $7,000,000 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $7,000,000 |

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| ☐ State Match Required | ☐ One-Time Project | ☐ Phased - new | ☐ Phased - underway | ☐ Ongoing |
| 0% = Minimum State Match % Required | | ☑ Amendment | ☐ Mental Health Bill | |

**Operating & Maintenance Costs:**

| | Amount | Staff |
|---|---|---|
| Project Development: | 0 | 0 |
| Ongoing Operating: | 300,000 | 0 |
| One-Time Startup: | 0 | |
| Totals: | 300,000 | 0 |

**Prior Funding History / Additional Information:**
Sec14 Ch11 SLA2022 P124 L10 CCS HB 281 $1,250,000

A new system is projected to cost $9 million. An estimated $2 million is available for this project in the federally supported and required state Election Fund from 2021 and 2022 federal election security grants. The prior funding history section lists the 2021 legislative authorization for the federal grant; a stand alone FY24 appropriation request has been submitted for receipt and expenditure of the 2022 grant award.

**Project Description/Justification:**
The Division of Elections requests this appropriation to acquire and implement a new centralized, integrated statewide voter registration and election management database. This has become necessary as there have been substantial developments in election management system efficiency and transparency since the division's procurement of its current system in 2013.

In addition to preserving the current functions performed by the Division's system, the new statewide voter registration and election management system will enhance the division's efficiency and operational integrity by using new technological advancements allowing near "real-time" awareness of election related processes.

The new system's features will include:

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- An electronic pollbook solution for up to 401 precincts that is integrated with the voter registration and election management system. This sub-system will be compact and easily deployed to remote locations throughout Alaska. It will be fully integrated with the Absentee Ballot Application subsystem to indicate that a voter has applied for an absentee ballot and its status, validate the voter using Motor Vehicle records in the electronic pollbook, and automate processing providing "real-time" information.

- An enhanced integration engine, allowing a tighter interface with other state agencies, including the Division of Motor Vehicles, Permanent Fund Dividend Division, and Departments of Health and Social Services. The interface will reduce the work required to process voter registration and absentee ballot request documents.

- An improved interface with the division's web-based online absentee ballot delivery system. The online absentee ballot delivery system is used by the division to transmit blank ballots to absentee voters.

- An improved voter look-up system that allows voters to verify their voter registration status, absentee ballot request status and track the status of their absentee ballot.

- The addition of a redistricting interface that incorporates a Geographic Information System for ease of reassigning district and precinct lines during the decennial redistricting process.

- An improved security architecture incorporating privileged access management, cloud shielding and intelligent threat assessment monitoring.